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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON COUNSELOR-DESIGNATE NIMETZ MARCH 16 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT RECENT GREEK-CYPRIOT PRO-NOUNCEMENTSON FORTHCOMING VIENNA TALKS. ESENBEL SAID TURKS WERE CONCERNED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS, WHO WAS CLOSE TO CARAMANLIS AND ATHENS GOVERNMENT,MIGHT BE SEEKING TO TORPEDO TALKS, AND PLACE BLAME ON TURKS. NIMETZ
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TOLD ESENBEL THAT WE WERE AWARE OF PROBLEM AND HAD INSTRUCTED EMBASSY NICOSIA TO MAKE CLEAR TO GREEK CYPRIOTS THAT E EXPECTED THEM TO MAKE A TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL AND EXPECTED TURK CYPRIOTS TO MAKE A CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL. NIMETZ EMPHASIZED THAT EACH PARTY OBVIOUSLY HAD RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND IN GOOD FAITH TO PROPOSAL OF THE OTHER, AND ESENBEL AGREED THIS WAS CASE.

2. ESENBEL THEN CHANGED SUBJECT TO TURKISH MILITARY EXERCISES IN AEGEAN AND NOTED GREEK PRESS REACTION TO THESE ANNUAL MANEUVERS. GREEKS, HE SAID, WERE BUSY CREATING A WAR-LIKE ATMOSPHERE WHICH LED TURKS TO BELIEVE THAT GREECE'S OBJECTIVE CONTINUED TO BE TO INFLUENCE US CONGRESS TO CONTINUE ARMS RESTRICTIONS ON TURKEY AND NOT APPROVE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. NIMETZ NOTED WE WERE AWARE OF THIS TURKISH VIEW. WE FELT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS ALL THE MORE IN TURKISH INTEREST TO BE SURE THAT ONAN ADOPTED AS CONSTRUCTIVE A POSTURE AS POSSIBLE AT VIENNA.

3. ESENBEL ASKED IF US COULD APPROACH UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM TO SUGGEST HE USE HIS INFLUENCE TO FORESTALL INTRODUCTION OF CYPRUS ISSUE IN NON-ALIGNED NATIONS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MID-APRIL IN INDIA. TURKS, HE SAID, FELT THAT PROPAGANDA GENERATED BY CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS ISSUE BY NON-ALIGNED COULD ENDANGER SUCCESS OF WHATEVER TALKS FOLLOWED VIENNA. NIMETZ SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

4. ESENBEL THEN ABRUPTLY SWITCHED CONVERSATION TO STATUS OF F-4 FUNDING PROBLEM, AND TIMING OF ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FUTURE US SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. NIMETZ STATED THAT MODE AND TIMING OF PRESENTATION OF ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION BASED ON CLIFFORD RECOMMENDATIONS NOT YET WORKED OUT. WE HAD ALREADY TALKED AT LENGTH INFORMALLY WITH INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND WERE TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW AND WHEN TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT ACCORDINGLY NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE MADE FOR SOME WEEKS.

5. REGARDING THE F-4 PROBLEM, NIMETZ TOLD ESENBEL THAT WE WERE ACTIVELY EXAMINING ALL OPTIONS AND HAD RULED OUT NONE. HE ASKED ESENBEL TO ELABORATE ON TURKISH DIFFICULTIES WITH CONVERSION OF THE FMS TRANSACTION TO COMMERCIAL CONTRACT AND URGED THAT TURKS SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS OPTION AS THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD. ESENBEL SAID THAT TURKISH MILITARY WERE NOT USED TO DEALING WITH PRIVATE FIRMS ON MAJOR SALES CONTRACTS AND WERE MOST RELUCTANT TO

DO SO AFTER LOCKHEED SCANDAL. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WAS EMBARRASSMENT CONVERSION WOULD CREATE FOR DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD BE CRITICISED BY OPPOSITION FOR HAVING FAILED TO RESOLVE SECURITY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH US. CONVERSION MIGHT ALSO IMPLY LOSS OF HOPE IN EVENTUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF DCA.

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6. ESENBEL SUGGESTED THAT INTERIM LETTER OF CREDIT AR-

RANGEMENT SUGGESTED BY MCDONNELL DOUGLAS OFFERED BEST
HOPE OF SOLUTION. ESENBEL OPINED THAT CONGRESS SHOULD NOT
OBJECT TO INTERIM SOLUTION SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO OBJEC-
TION UPON ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION LAST YEAR OF USG INTENT
TO SELL 40 F-4'S TO TURKEY, AND NO ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT
WERE NOW INVOLVED. NIMETZ SAID THIS AMONG OTHER OPTIONS
WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND WE HOPED TO REACH A DECISION
SHORTLY.

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